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I am pleased to think that your health is improving and to be assured that your wife gets on comfortably. What interesting letters Fanny writes and how admirable the truthful frank wielding of the pen. She is going to somebody. When are you coming to see us? My health & spirits are such as, if you were here now, to enable me to treat you to nothing. I often regret to think how I can [illegible] [illegible] humanity may alter. We were there in the summer.

Very truly yours,

J M McKim

J. M. McKim, N.Y., Dec. 20, 1866.

most use to us, are facts which make the selection of him as ~~one of the~~ a speaker on this occasion, one eminently fit to be made. And the Chicagoans are equally fortunate in having the promise of the presence of Judge Russell; a man of learning, of high judicial station, a fine orator, and above all one who understands this question most thoroughly from beginning to end.

Now, this being your view as well as mine, please write me a rich letter of congratulation that we have received such an potent speaker for our meeting, a letter that will do to reproduce in a Chicago paper. This will be a natural & easy way of advertising the meeting & the speaker, and will give to the letter the support of your name, which will be a decided help. It is a difficult thing to get up a successful public meeting. It is quite essential to success that the meeting should be talked of in advance & the paper be put on the qui vive as to this matter of speakers.

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My dear Garrison

We have been arranging for a Freedmans Meeting at Chicago on the 10th prox. and, as you may know, have secured for speakers on the occasion George Thompson and Judge Russell. Thompson's eloquence, his long and disinterested devotion to the cause of Impartial Freedom the world over, and — added to these considerations — the valuable services he rendered to this country on his own shores, when such services were of the

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